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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PORG, MR
SUBJECT: MEDIATION EFFORTS RE THE WESTERN SAHARA

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 0064 (NOTAL)

1. DR. FAFOWARA, DEPTTY DIRECTOR OF MEA'S AFRICA DEPARTMENT FOR
NORTHERN AND WESTERN AFRICA, INFORMED DCM JANUARY 12 THAT OAU
PRESIDENT BONGO HAS PROPOSED A OAU SUMMIT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE
WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM. CAIRO, ADDIS ABABA AND LIBREVILLE HAVE
BEEN OFFERED AS POSSIBLE SITES FOR SUCH A MEETING. FAFOWARA
THOUGHT THAT CAIRO WAS RULED OUT BECAUSE LIBYA WOULD NOT COME
AND THAT ADDIS WAS UNLIKELY FOR SECURITY REASONS.

2. FAFOWARA, WHO HAS ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LEAVE, HAD
NOT HEARD OF THE MAURITANIAN DEMARCHE OBJECTING TO THE CONVENING
OF MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN HAVANA TO DISCUSS THE WESTERN SAHARA.
HE THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE OAU DEAL
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WITH THE MATTER BUT PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE.

3. FAFOWARA ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE FMG HAD MADE STRONG
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE WHEN IT HAD BEEN
INFORMED OF THE FRENCH INTERVENTION IN MAURITANIA.
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